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Chief, WE
Attn: Chief, SE

24 January 1955

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[] /Albania

Informal VALUABLE Policy Statement

Reference: SGAA 13365 dated 3 January 1955

1. In the course of a meeting with [] on 21 January [] stated that he had received a request from [] for an historical or policy statement on Albania for passage to Wormer. [] said that he was not too clear on what was wanted and would McCloskey find out. Later in the discussion [] summarized the present VALUABLE views on Albania as follows:

- a. We continue to view Albania as an intelligence target.
- b. We are not presently authorized to make any propaganda drops.

c. As regards HCPA and HBCPA, SMOPIA wishes primarily to keep itself informed of what is going on in these circles without becoming too much involved in them or spending any money on them.

2. In the light of the second and third sentences of paragraph 3 of the reference [] later informed [] that he believed what was wanted was an up-to-date statement of the Foreign Office policy directive to SMOPIA on Albania. [] asked whether KUBARK Headquarters desired such a formal statement. [] pointed out that to his knowledge there had been no expression of policy directives since the October 1953 GEOPUS/VALUABLE meetings. In view of [] remark quoted in paragraph 1 b above, it appeared that there had been a change in the Foreign Office directive. [] then stated that [] had informed KUBARK of the propaganda drop ban during the course of [] recent visit to Washington. It was finally agreed that [] would relay [] informal comments as set forth in paragraph 1 above and that [] would attempt to secure such a formal expression of the Foreign Office directive to SMOPIA on Albania, [] would attempt to secure such.

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3. [] will take no further action in the above matter unless directed to do so by Headquarters. If KUDARK Headquarters desires to request a formal policy statement from EMIYOPIA, it is suggested that [] be furnished with a similar KUDARK policy statement for exchange at the same time with EMIYOPIA.

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